

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 98.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR THE WET SEASON.

LOCK-RIB UMBRELLAS.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.

TWEED RAIN COATS.

INDIA RUBBER RAIN COATS.

ANTIPLUVIAN SUITS.

SOU. WESTERS.

INDIA RUBBER BOOTS.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETING.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCE

MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....15,000,000 Francs.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,

A. M. INVERARITY, Esq., J. G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

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Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED, 1805.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to issue POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE on the usual terms.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1882. [337]

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £3,000,000; PAID-UP.....£200,000.

PAID UP RESERVE FUND.....£50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [165]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the Undersigned in the Firm of Messrs. D. D. OLLIA & Co. of Amoy, Foochow, Takao, and Taiwanfoo has Ceased from the 30th of April, 1882.

E. N. MEHTA.

B. S. MEHTA.

We have This Day commenced BUSINESS as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS at Amoy, Foochow, and Taiwanfoo, under the Style and Firm of MEHTA & Co.

E. N. MEHTA.

B. S. MEHTA.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [303]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. FRANCIS BLACKWELL FORBES in Our Firm, Ceased on the 31st December, 1881.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong and China, 20th April, 1882. [283]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE PROPERTY, IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of May, 1882, at Two P.M., on the Premises, by Order of the Mortgagee, ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section 11 of INLAND LOT No. 363.

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND Registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section A INLAND LOT No. 366, together with the 2 MESSUAGES or HOUSES in Queen's Road West, Nos. 48 and 50.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer,

33, Wellington Street.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1882. [343]

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE SHOPS, IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND BONHAM STRAND.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of May, 1882, at Two P.M., on the Premises, (147, Queen's Road Central.)

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND Registered in the LAND OFFICE as REMAINING PORTION of Section C of MARINE LOT No. 63, together with the HOUSE No. 147 D, in Queen's Road Central. (2ND LOT.)

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND Registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section A of MARINE LOT No. 161, together with the HOUSE No. 117, Bonham Strand.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer,

33, Wellington Street.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1882. [342]

To be Let.

TO LET, POSSESSION ON 1ST JUNE NEXT.

THE FIRST FLOOR, WEST SIDE, OF "MARINE HOUSE," No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD, Now in the occupation of Messrs. WILSON AND BIRD.

Apply to E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1882. [348]

TO LET, TWO ROOMS TO LET IN SPRING GARDENS, COOK-HOUSE, BATH, ROOM AND PANTRY ATTACHED, Suitable for a Married Couple.

Apply to W. H.

Care of Office of this paper.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1882. [325]

TO LET, TWO GODOWNS now occupied by the HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Possession from 1st May.

Apply to ROSE & Co.,

Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1882. [266]

TO LET, No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Nos. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Nos. 2 AND 4, PEDDAR'S HILL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1882. [74]

TO LET, THE SIX FOUR-STORYED SUBSTANTIAL DWELLING HOUSES now in course of erection at the bottom of Old Bailey-street in Hollywood Road, on the site of the Premises formerly occupied by Messrs. T. ALGAR & Co., House Agents, &c.

These Desirable Premises will be completed in about four months, and the Undersigned is prepared to make any changes or alterations in the construction or internal arrangements of the buildings to suit tenants desirous of taking one or all of the Houses on lease.

These Houses will be found specially adapted for Parse Merchants, being situated in the centre of the Parsee district of the city, and having commodious and suitable Godowns underneath for the storage of Opium and other Merchandise.

For Full Particulars, apply to

FRED. RICKARDS,

United Club, Stanton Street.

(Opposite Union Church)

Hongkong, 15th May, 1882. [344]

Intimations.

SALE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING

EX "GLENCOE."

SPECIALITIES IN POMPADOOR SATENS AND PRINTS. COLOURED AND BLACK SPANISH NETS FOR DRESSES. FANCY OATMEAL CLOTHS FOR MORNING WRAPPERS. A VARIED ASSORTMENT OF WHITE DRESS MATERIALS. A LARGE VARIETY OF SILVER JEWELRY, all New Patterns. LADIES FRENCH AND ENGLISH SHOES. ICE WOOL IN ALL COLOURS.

MUSLIN AND LISSE FRILLINGS. COLOURED SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES. VASELINE SOAP AND POMADE.

SPECIAL.—To be cleared at 30 Cents per yard, a job line of Fine Silk and Wool Challies for Summer Dressing Gowns—usual price 85 Cents per yard. A Liberal discount for Cash. VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE ON HAND THE FOLLOWING STANDARD NOVELS, &c., AT TWENTY FIVE CENTS EACH.

BULWER LYTTON. Ernest Maltravers. Alice. Last Days of Pompeii. Goldolphin. Pelham. Devereux. Zanoni. The Disowned. Eugene Aram. Night and Morning. Falkland. Leila. Rienzi. EUGENE SUE. Mysteries of Paris, 3 vols. 75c. The Wandering Jew, 3 vols. 75c. SIR WALTER SCOTT. All his Novels clearly printed and in a handy form each 25 cents.

CHAS. DICKENS. Pickwick Papers. Sketches by Boz. Oliver Twist. Nicholas Nickleby. CAPT. MARRYAT. Jacob Faithful. Frank Mildmay. Percival Keene. Rattlin the Reefer. Peter Ransome. The Pilot. The Two Admirals. The Dog Fiend. The King's Own. The Phantom Ship. Japhet in Search of a Father. The Pirate. Monsieur Violet. Midshipman Easy.

MISCELLANEOUS. Smollett's Roderick Random. Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield. Fielding's Tom Jones, 2 vols. 50c. The Lamplighter. Swift's Gulliver's Travels. Hans Brulmann's Travels. Radcliffe's Mysteries of Udolpho. Maxwells's Captain Blake. Hugo's Notre Dame. De Quincey's Confessions of an Opium Eater. Lowell's Biglow Papers. Halliburton's Sam Slick. Lamb's Essays of Elia. The Shadowless Man. Love's Rony O'More. Uncle Tom's Cabin. Washington Irving's Sketch Book. Sterne's Sentimental Journey. Sterne's Tristram Shandy.

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A GREAT VARIETY AND FINE ASSORTMENT OF SUMMER GOODS, COMPRISING: Ladies Richly Trimmed Pongee Silk Costumes, Satin, Linen, and Cambrie Costumes, Ready-made Dresses, Lace and Silk Fichus, Cravats, Dressing Gowns, Fine Silk Hats and Caps, in Great Variety. Ladies Elegantly Trimmed Parisian Straw Hats and Bonnets, Children's and Babies' Hats and Caps, in Great Variety. Gentlemen's Parisian Straw and Panama Hats, French Felt Hats, Light Summer Tweed in Pieces for Pants, White and Coloured Linen Drill, Pieces of Touch Cord for Vests, Canvas Shoes, Silk Umbrellas, &c., &c. Oriza's and Penaud's Perfumery in Great Variety, Elegant 3 Sided French Mirrors, Vienna Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Visiting Card Cases, Portmonnaies, Albums, Needle Cases, Needles, Ladies Work Boxes, &c., &c.

EÇA DA SILVA & Co., 48, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, April 3rd, 1882. [9]

Intimations.

HEUERMAN N. HERBST & CO.

SOLE Agents of J. M. NAUTA'S CIGAR AND CIGARETTE MANUFACTORY.

"PENANG." OFFER NOW FOR SALE: LITTLE ANGELS.....in Boxes Each 100. MALATTE.....do. 100. MOOTOO MAH.....do. 100. DAYAKS TRABUCOS.....do. 100. BATTACK TRABUCOS.....do. 250.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1882. [282]

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [294]

G. FALCONER & CO. WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS, CHARTS AND BOOKS, No. 46, QUEEN'S-ROAD CENTRAL. [2]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO. GUNMAKERS AND AMUNITION DEALERS, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Arms, Ammunitions, and Requisites of every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at moderate charges.

Sporting Guns and Ammunition always on hand. [28]

NOTICE. COLONEL I. K. AUSTIN'S NEW AMERICAN RIFLE RANGE, AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL, WHERE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE.

BELL TARGETS!!! FLYING AND STATIONARY BIRDS THAT DISAPPEAR WHEN HIT!!! &c., &c. ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SPORTING RIFLES!!!

POPULAR PRICES. FOUR SHOTS FOR 25 CENTS.

Gallery open daily from 4 to 12 P.M., to all respectable members of the community. Hongkong, 29th April, 1882. [145]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

W. A. ROSS & Co.'s BELFAST GINGER ALE in Casks of.....10 doz. do. in Casks of.....5 " LEMONADE in Casks of.....5 " SASSAPARILLA in Casks of.....5 " LIME JUICE CHAMPAGNE in Casks of.....5 " LIME JUICE CORNICAL in Casks of.....5 " LIME JUICE in Casks of.....5 " RASPBERRY VINEGAR in Casks of.....5 " ORANGE BITTERS.....1 " ALSO, L. ROSE & Co.'s LONDON CELEBRATED LIME JUICE CORDIAL. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 9th May, 1882. [324]

GENUINE PORT WINE. M. DE SOUZA GUEDES' WELL KNOWN BRANDS, BLACK LABEL, with 3 Grapes, per Case of 1 Dozen Quarts.....\$18. BLACK LABEL, with 2 Grapes, per Case of 1 Dozen Quarts.....\$16. WHITE LABEL, per Case of 1 Dozen Quarts.....\$13.

Apply to F. J. V. JORGE, at Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.'s, Hongkong, 6th April, 1882. [217]

FOR SALE, MESSRS. W. & T. LOCKETT'S Celebrated Brands Threlfall's Export PALE ALE and Findlater's DUBLIN STOUT, in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of One Dozen. Silvery Mousseux VIN DE CHAMPAGNE, in Cases of 2 doz. Pints and 1 doz. Quarts. GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [166]

FOR SALE, G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. QUARTS.....\$22 per Case. PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

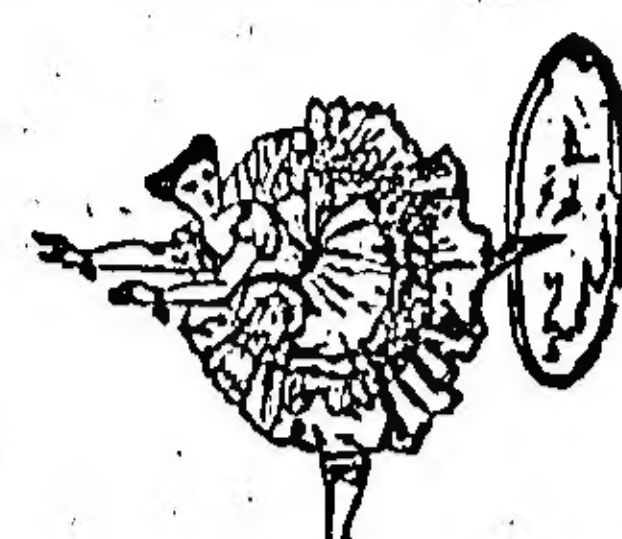
DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [5]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND. L. MALLORY, Proprietor. Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [11]

Amusements.

CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND PERFORMING ANIMALS!



WILL EXHIBIT UNDER MAMMOTH TENTS, FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY! IN HONGKONG AT BOWRINGTON EAST POINT.

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The Circus and Menagerie Enlarged. Improved and Embellished to such a degree as to be almost beyond recognition.

Signor Chiarini will have the honour, on this occasion, of introducing for the first time to the public of this City.

MANY NEW AND FAMOUS ARTISTS, Fresh from the leading Circuses and Hippodromes of Europe and America, in conjunction with the old favourites.

WHO WILL INTRODUCE ALL THE Latest and Most Striking Marvels of the Question, Acrobatic, and Gymnastic Arts.

MISS NELLIE REID, England's Side-Saddle Queen, from Hengler's Grand Circus, London, England.

MISS EMILY ROLANDE, The Fearless Rider and Graceful Pantomimist in her Charming Principal Acts and Specialties.

MISS ADA STOODLY, The Charming Little Fairy Equestrienne, in her Specialties and Amazing Feats.

MILLE LOTTA, MILE ZAZO, The Beautiful and Superb Young Lady Gymnast and Acrobat.

LAVATER LEE, FROM FOREPAUGH'S MENAGERIE MUSEUM AND CIRCUS.

MR. FRED. WATSON, PRINCIPAL RIDER AND COMIC CHANGE ARTIST.

MASTER CHARLIE WATSON, In his Champion Hurdle Act, also Tumbling and Contortion Acts.

MR. CHAS. STOODLY, THE FAMED DAREBACK RIDER AND VOLTIGEUR.

THE FAUST FAMILY (5 in number), Also Musical Clowns in Fantastic Varieties introducing the smallest Violinist in the World Master Eugene.

FRENCH AND ANGELO, Leading Horizontal Bar and Trapeze Performers, Hat Throwers and Knock-about Clowns from the Folies Bergeres, Paris.

M. L. E. J. E. A. N. N. E. In a Surprising Act on the Flying Rings.

ROSA THUZET and PROFESSOR THUZET.

THE MOTLEY MERRY-MAKER, HERR AUGUST LEHMAN, Recently of Van-Amburgh's American Show in his Comic and Extravagant Varieties.

SIGNOR GIUSEPPE CHIARINI, The King of Horse-Trainers, will introduce his Fearless Stud of Trained Horses, whose Unrivalled Performances have been the Wonder and Admiration of the Whole World.



MR. LORENZ JOHNSON, THE FEARLESS TIGER-TAMER, WILL ENTER THE DEN OF FEROUS.

PERFORMING ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS! And exhibit them in a Thrilling and Exciting Performance, showing the Amazing Mastery he has obtained over these savage beasts. An astounding display of courage and daring, this sensational feature of Chiarini's Great Show cannot be seen in any other travelling Menagerie on the Globe.

In the Menagerie Department will be found an extensive collection of Living Wild Beasts, including the Den of Feroious.

PERFORMING ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS!!! An Educated Zebra from Africa. A South American Gazelle. A Black Bear from the Himalaya Mountains. A Tiger from the Jungles of Central India. Two Elephants from Ceylon. Royal Baby Tigers only a few weeks old. A Kangaroo, the Wonderful Animal of Australia. Various species of Monkeys, Apes and Baboons, that are Educated to Ride the Beautiful Lilliputian Shetland Ponies in a Steeple Chase.

N.B.—All the Animals may be seen in the Menagerie Tent, before entering the Mammoth Circus which seats 5,000 people.

Prices of Admission will be Daily Announced in the Newspapers and by Hand-Bills. THIS COMPANY WILL PERFORM EVERY NIGHT.

Doors open at 8 O'CLOCK.—Performance to commence at 9 punctually.

AND ON SATURDAYS 10 AFTERNOON PERFORMANCES.

Doors open at 8 O'CLOCK.—Performance to commence at 4.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [336]

Shipping.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. The Steamship

"CRUSADER" will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at FOUR P.M.

Parcels cannot be received after NOON on SATURDAY, the 20th

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DRUGGISTS,
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Manufacturers of the following
AERATED WATERS,

viz:

SODA, TONIC, SAKSAPARILLA, AND
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PHOSPHORIC CHAMPAGNE.Deliveries in Town and Harbour from
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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff. Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1882.

ALTHOUGH we are not disposed to question the veracity of the old saying that "the rain, it raineth every day," it is a matter of certainty that the Island of Hongkong, has not been greatly favoured in that respect either daily or weekly, for a considerable time past. In fact the continued drought, lasting for months, had become to wear a serious aspect, causing stoppages in our drains, spreading fever throughout the overcrowded districts, and inducing the Tung Wah Hospital magnates to send up special prayers that the flood gates of heaven might be specially opened for the benefit of this Colony. Two or three weeks ago we were really beginning to feel some anxiety about the water supply of the Colony, as there were no indications of rain, and our eyes resting on the limited quantity stored in Pok-fo-fo-jum Reservoir, saw it gradually sinking lower, and lower. We endeavoured a few days since to obtain some reliable information on the probabilities of the supply of water in the reservoir proving inadequate to meet the requirements of the community in the event of continued drought, from the official who is known, amongst the Chinese, as the "water devil"; but although the serious and rather anxious look which came over the weather-beaten visage of the Inspector, as we quietly broached the subject, gave us a strong impression that matters were not quite so satisfactory as could be desired, that worthy officer was not authorised to give us the information we desired, so that there was no help for it, but to charter a rickshaw, and two of the most stalwart street obstructionists we could find, and his straight away to Pok-fo-fo-jum, to make our second personal inspection of the reservoir within a fortnight.

Affairs certainly looked serious. Signs of rain were as far distant as ever; and the water stored in the reservoir was almost exhausted. We could not avoid reflecting, as we gazed at the gradually diminishing water, what terrible havoc a fire in the higher levels of the city would play, with nothing to oppose its progress. It struck us that now would be the time for sundry of those rattan, and flimsy-work shopkeepers, whose stocks are insured for trouble their value, to try a paying stroke of business by fire-raising. Arson is no doubt a very serious crime in European eyes, but judging from our annual experiences in this Colony, the enterprising Celestial evidently looks upon it—so long as it offers an easy way out of business troubles and financial difficulties—as a very minor offence. Continuing our re-

flections on the impossibility of effectually coping with the fire-king with no water supply at command, an incident which occurred at a comparatively recent fire, at which we were present, came back to our recollection. This was the vision of a clerk from one of the Insurance Offices, who rushed wildly up to where we were standing, nozzle in hand, playing on the burning house, and inquired of a group of European firemen if they thought there "was twenty-two thousand dollars worth of stock in there." As the Office which this gentleman represented had insured the goods within the burning building for the amount he named, it was reasonable enough to suppose that the policy had not been granted without a proper enquiry and inspection—and yet we had our doubts, as the fire was a very suspicious one, and the stock-in-trade, to a cursory observer, scarcely gave the idea of its being worth anything like twenty-two thousand dollars. However, from one point of view, that was the insurers' business; in accepting the premium, they had also accepted the risk.

We have always believed that the annual epidemic of fires in Hongkong, is caused, to a very considerable extent at least, by wilful fire raising, and we happen to know that our views are shared by men who have had a great deal of practical experience in fires, men whose opinions are not to be slighted. Frankly we are also of opinion that for many of these suspicious conflagrations the Insurance Companies are indirectly responsible. The custom of insuring property for amounts far beyond its value is general; a reprehensible practice, which frequently proves a temptation to the unscrupulous and needy. The home custom of thoroughly inspecting the property, or goods, to be insured, before taking a risk, is not strictly carried out in this Colony, nor have we ever heard of the existence of a visiting inspector, whose duty should be to make frequent periodical visits on behalf of the Insurance Companies, more especially to properties heavily insured. It is all very well for Insurance Companies to undertake heavy responsibilities as a mere matter of speculation, receiving heavy premiums for the extra risks they incur; but the public have also a voice in the matter, as there can be no manner of doubt that the system in vogue of almost indiscriminate insuring, renders both life and property more insecure than would be the case if proper precautions were taken. If property were insured only to its bare value, no inducement would exist for unscrupulous traders to try their hands at fire-raising. Although the crime of arson has never, to our knowledge, been clearly brought home to any person in Hongkong, there are ample grounds for believing that a very large number of our annual fires are not the result of accident. It will be remembered it was currently believed that the terrible conflagration of Christmas 1878, which laid a large portion of the city in ruins, was a "put-up" job, and although evidence was not forthcoming to convict the person accused, his dismissal from the bar did not convince the community of his innocence. It was certainly proved that he had insured his stock far beyond its value, and the whole of the circumstances connected with the case, were more than suspicious.

Had a fire broken out in the Colony a week or two ago, our fire extinguishing apparatus would have been quite useless owing to want of water. Fire Engines could not have drawn supplies from the mains, as there was not sufficient water in the reservoir to feed them. Happily the danger has passed over, and the heavy rains of the past few days have rendered us—so far as a sufficiency of water is concerned—secure for months to come. The heavy rains of Wednesday morning added no less than 14 feet to the quantity of water in the reservoir, a result which will be hailed with satisfaction on all sides. In these trying days of burst-up land speculators, and broken-down compradors, when mortgages are moving heaven and earth to realise on their advances, and commercial chaos reigns supreme, a fire, or a series of fires, would not greatly astonish those who know the desperate straits to which some of the unsuccessful seekers after easily won wealth have been put by the explosion of their schemes. It is, therefore, some consolation that Jupiter Pluvius has placed us in a position to meet the worst. However, there is a moral to be drawn from our remarks which should not be lost sight of. As at present constituted, our water supply is unsatisfactory and uncertain. It is our duty, in the best interests of the community, to use every possible effort to induce the Government to carry out some well devised scheme for providing an ample supply of water to this city without further delay. The large surplus in the coffers of the Colonial Treasury belongs to the Colony; we have a right to claim that a portion of it be expended in this much needed improvement.

TELEGRAMS.

Reuter wires that the House of Commons has read for the first time, a Bill, providing for the payment of arrears of rent out of the Church Fund surplus.

A telegram dated London, 17th May, received this morning, announces that an attempt has been made to blow up the Mansion House. It is satisfactory to know that the miscreants failed in this daring outrage, the attempt, according to Reuter, having proved unsuccessful.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An eclipse of a small portion of the Sun was visible in Hongkong yesterday evening.

THE German barque *Herman* docked at Aberdeen, this morning. The steamship *Thales* will undock at Kowloon, this evening, and the *Amoy* will be placed in the vacant dock.

A JIRICKSHA coolie, who had failed to answer at the Police Court to a summons charging him with being an unmitigated street obstructionist, was fined this morning two Mexicans or seven days' imprisonment.

ALBERT THORSON, 20, of Norway, an unemployed seaman, was up this morning at the Police Court, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in the complainant's house, on the 17th instant. The complainant, Marques Prehen, bannan, not appearing, defendant was discharged.

JOSEPH WHITE, Sexton, charged his female servant Tsang I, at the Police Court this morning, with disobedience of orders on the 18th instant. Complainant said he directed the defendant this morning to clean a yard with a small brush. She did the work very badly, and swept water on to the street. She had also been very insolent.—In her defence, Tsang I said the place was so dirty, she had to use a large quantity of water.—Defendant was discharged.

We take the following from *El Comercio* of the 10th instant:—We hear that Mr. Chiarini has received information, from his agent in Hongkong, to the effect that he is not allowed to erect his pavilions either on the Cricket or Parade Ground, the places best suited for such a purpose. Therefore, they will have to be put up at a place very far away, near the race-course. Frankly, we thought that the English in Hongkong would afford more encouragement and facilities to Chiarini's Company.

THE report of the Commission of the Roman Chamber of Deputies on the bill presented by the Minister of War for the new and extraordinary military expenditure has just been published. It cuts down to 127,880,000 lire the grant of 144,180,000 lire extending over five years, demanded by the Minister. This reduction, however, is more apparent than real, as the chief item composing it, viz., 11,100,000 lire, has been struck out, with the consent of the Minister, on the technical ground that the object it is asked for, the reorganization of the army, still awaits the approval of Parliament. The report says the 100-ton guns for coast defence made at the Government factory in Turin have proved inefficient, and the Government will purchase these pieces abroad.

SAYS the *Sportsman* of March 25th:—We do not know how the proceedings of yesterday at Exeter will be mentioned in the organ of the Salvation Army, but as they stand in the police records they form anything but entertaining reading. Contrary to orders the Salvation Army corps set out upon its nightly tour at Weston-super-Mare. Directly afterwards a rival procession was got up, and marched forth under a banner inscribed with the words, "The Skeleton Army." Coming into the vicinity of the Salvationists, a free fight ensued, in which the banners of the two armies came to grief, and the band instruments were broken. The Salvationists finally took refuge in their own barracks, many, on both sides, having received injuries. This is muscular Christianity with a vengeance.

LLOYD's agent at Mollendo, writing under date of Feb. 18, states that Mollendo had been strictly blockaded by the Chilianians since January, 1881; but, through the influence of the Foreign Ministers at Lima, the British Minister principally, permission had been granted by the Chilian Government for steamers to call and take away all the foreign produce lying there, some 8,000 tons in all. The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Cogitudo* had already taken 16,666 packages of wool, bark, hides, &c. The steamship *Ecuador* and others were expected the following week, and it is presumed that in less than a month all the produce ready will be shipped. What are the future intentions of the Chilianians as regards Mollendo is not known; but the general opinion is that it will be opened through the military occupation by Chilian troops.

A SILVER-SMITH, who would seem to have had no silver to exercise his craft upon, was caught yesterday in the act of picking an opium boller's pocket of seven cents, thus exhibiting a tendency to degenerate into a copper-smith.—Fourteen days' hard labour rewarded the artisan's enterprise.—Another man, a hawker, was sent to keep him company for the same period for picking a farmer's pocket of 67 cents. Pickpockets in China would seem to be a lot of sorry bunglers, as they are generally caught in the act of withdrawing their hands from their victims' pockets. We have heard of adepts belonging to the light-fingered craft at home, who could abstract money or valuables from the most hidden recesses of one's habiliments without their victims ever feeling that they had been even touched. A few lessons from these professors would be of infinite advantage to the Hongkong bunglers, who exhibit a sad lack of science in their manipulation of pockets.

A SEAMAN of the *Hing* junk, who walked off from the junk, with two jackets, the property of the captain, was sent this morning by Captain Thomsett to six months' hard labour. The jackets and the seaman having disappeared simultaneously, led the captain to suspect the prisoner, who afterward admitted having pawned them, delivering up the pawn-tickets as the only form of restitution in his power. The clothing was ordered to be restored to the owner.

ACCORDING to the *Sportsman*, Paris is threatened with a hairdressers' strike, and the lordly Frenchman sees before him the prospect of going unshaven and unkempt for some weeks to come. The knights of the pole have decided to ask the sum of twenty-five cents for a shave, and the people to whom shaving is a necessity are "kicking" against the impost. As Frenchmen never shave themselves, this is rather awkward, and bristling chins may be looked for in the French capital during the ensuing month. A strike of barbers is certainly something novel. There is always one thing in Figaro's favour, he can generally demand what he likes when he has the razor over his victim's jugular vein.

LEUNG AKWAI, a cook, was charged this morning before Captain Thomsett with cutting a tailor with a knife. The tailor said he lived in Wellington Street, and went into the street about 7 p.m. yesterday, where he saw the cook with some other boys, two of whom struck him (the tailor), the cook cutting him with something, he did not know what, on the left side of the abdomen. The boys ran away, and he ran after the cook and gave him in charge. The tailor was sent to the hospital, and had to return there as the wound was not yet healed. A certificate was sent in by the Acting Superintendent of the Civil Hospital to the effect that the tailor, described as a boy, has a lacerated wound on the left side of the abdomen, seven and a half inches in length, but not dangerous, wherefore he was allowed out to attend the Magistrate. Dr. Stockwell requested he might be sent back to the hospital when done with. The case was remanded till the 25th instant, bail being allowed in two sureties of \$25 each.

POOR Sir Wilfrid! He is a jester and a right merry teetotaler, but he barely deserves the opprobrium cast upon him. Water drinking and dullness, tea drinking and melancholia, are generally supposed to run in double harness. This, however, is not the case with the genial member for Carlisle, who is ready at turning a pun, cracking a joke, or reeling off a jest. With characteristic humour, the worthy baronet has made a selection of the elegant names bestowed upon him by the organs of the Licensed Victuallers' trade. "They have called me," says Sir Wilfrid, "that Old Cracked Tea Pot, the Watery Jester, the Demented Creature, that Washed-out Water Party, the Drivelling Idiot, the Brainless Fanatic, the Conscionable Molly Coddie, the Empty-headed Noodle, the Peregrinating Pump Handle, the Tea drinking Twaddler, the Pop-bottle Pump Orator, the Permissive Placiditist, the Peripatetic Agitator, the Utopian Dreamer, the Maudlin Mountebank, the Crooning Clown, that Fool of Fools, the Walling Cant, the Arrant Humbug, the Apostle of Slops." After this Sir Wilfrid should become case hardened.

THE talented author of "Editorial Notes" in the *China Mail*, the scientist who pronounced the electric light a failure, and inferior as a lighting medium to gas, apparently has a supporter, although on very different grounds, in Sir Erasmus Wilson who does not like the electric light. He thinks there is too much of it. These sentiments, says a contemporary, may have been engendered by the fact that Sir Erasmus is chairman of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company. A big Electrical Exhibition, as everybody knows, is now being held in the Crystal Palace itself, and doubtless the chairman thought it his duty to try and console the shareholders of the neighbourhood, who are wondering what things are coming to. In the face of the success which has attended the great electric show, Sir Erasmus had to be circumspect in his remarks. He admitted that he did not mean to say that the electric light had been a failure, for under other circumstances he thought it might be admirably suited for the purpose of diffusing light. It was, however, very possible to have too much of a good thing, and one of the objections to the electric light was that it afforded too much light, the consequence of which was there must be too much shade. He believed the moderate light of the gas lamps was infinitely better suited for the purposes of a large city. This reminds us of the old fable in which the carrier stated that for defending a city in a state of siege there was nothing like leather.

A LONDON contemporary, commenting on the ridiculous sensation created in the metropolis in connection with the celebrated elephant "Jumbo," observes:—"After all it is a good thing that Jumbo has at last got safely aboard the vessel which is to take him to America. It is possible to have too much of a good thing, as the cat said when she fell in the milk-pail, and it is certainly possible to have too much Jumbo. Our morning papers have, for the past three weeks, been filled with gush about the luckless elephant. The peripatetic salesmen of the street, who generally devote their attention to toothpicks, combs, penny Bibles, mechanical mice, and other trifles, have thrown these overboard in favour of Jumbo. The side-walk artist who picks up a precarious living by drawing salmon and sunsets on the pavement, has changed his subject, and devoted his energies to depicting Jumbo and the widowed Alice. The worst case, however, is that of the newspapers who have apparently gone wild on the subject. One journal has positively committed itself to a poem, of which the following is a quotation:—

Then good news shall be true;
Then such work shall be done
As the House never knew
Since first speckles were spun.
Then our days shall not run
Nor each tract was a tone
Nor our strokes weigh him down
When old Jumbo comes home!

Incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that one of our leading daily contemporaries yesterday printed the above-quoted twaddle, with a few verses appended to it. Assuredly Jumboism hath turned the people mad."

FOR having a quantity of stone on a road near Quarry Bay on the 15th instant, whereby injury might accrue to the road, and danger arise to passengers, a contractor was fined this morning by Captain Thomsett, five dollars or ten days' imprisonment, and was further ordered to remove the obstruction within seven days.

SHORTLY before ten this morning, just as people were returning from divine service in the Cathedral in Wellington Street, a most disgraceful row was in progress at the cross-roads opposite Messrs. De Souza & Co.'s, among a lot of coolies, who were having a free fight with bamboo poles, heavy wooden seats, &c., a very large, yelling crowd being collected. When all was over, a solitary Sikh Police Sergeant appeared on the scene, who did not make any arrests while we were near the place. People living in the vicinity complain of the want of police supervision over the refractory coolies who congregate just above the cross-roads in d'Aguilar Street, among whom fights are of frequent occurrence.

IN publishing the following curious anecdote of General Skobeleff, the *Czas* expressly guarantees the authenticity of every detail therein set forth. It would appear, says the *Telegraph*, that, whenever a personage of high rank and importance visits Warsaw, the Imperial police authorities commission their secret agents to watch every action of that personage by day and night, as far as may be compatible with the respect due to his exalted station, and to report the results of their observations regularly every morning. One of these reports, handed in to the police-office of the district in which is situated the Hotel d'Europe, where Skobeleff lodged during his recent sojourn in the Polish capital, is textually reproduced in the columns of the *Czas*. It runs as follows:—"Last night, at the hour of nine, his Excellency the General deigned to leave his hotel. He wore an elegant silk hat and a no less elegant overcoat. In his hand he carried a walking-stick. His Excellency condescended to hire the droshky No. 217, and seated therein, to drive to Zjazd, where he alighted, and straightway disappeared. His Excellency did not return to his hotel until seven o'clock this morning, wearing, however, a jacket and cap, both of which were covered with mud. It was, moreover, his Excellency's pleasure to appear considerably intoxicated." "This report," concludes the *Czas*, "is absolutely authentic. We have seen it, and are fully responsible for its publication." If our Slav contemporary be in a position to prove its words, we should imagine that the police official who has betrayed the secrets of the Warsaw Detective Department is likely to hear of something to his disadvantage from the hot-tempered and impetuous victor of Geok Tepe.

THE following interesting items of Russian news appear in the *Overland Mail* of the 7th ult.—Another assassination by the revolutionary party is reported. On March 30th General Strelnikoff, holding the position of Public Prosecutor at the Kief military tribunal, was shot in the neck while sitting on the Boulevard at Odessa. The ball penetrated upwards into the head and came out through the forehead. The General expired within two minutes after being struck. Immediately after the shot was fired two men were seen to leave the spot where the general had been sitting, and to run down the boulevard towards a dreschky stand. They jumped into one of those conveyances, but were stopped before they could drive off. The assassins violently resisted arrest, and in the struggle which ensued, wounded three persons with revolver shots and pointed stabs. They were, however, finally overpowered and conveyed to the nearest police station under a strong guard. They were both young men, and declined to give their names. The deceased general had been despatched to Odessa in order to conduct preliminary judicial examinations connected with some important pending political trials. It has transpired that three men were immediately concerned in the murder. One made his escape. It is said that the Emperor Alexander, on being apprised of the murder, gave orders that the two prisoners should be executed within twenty-four hours. His Majesty, however, subsequently countermanded this, and the culprits were tried by a court-martial on April 1, sentence of death being passed. They were executed on April 3.—On the same day as the murder of General Strelnikoff, was executed Marine Lieut. Soukhanoff, recently condemned for high treason, whose sentence to be hanged was changed, at his own solicitation, by the Emperor to the less degrading one of death by shooting. The condemned man seems to have been taken to Cronstadt to be shot as an example to the fleet. At the place of execution were drawn up representatives of all marine troops and sailors at Cronstadt. The rest of the Nihilists who were recently condemned to death have had their sentences commuted for penal servitude.—The arrest of nine soldiers of the Preobajensky Guard for Nihilism has caused great excitement in St. Petersburg, and the fact has been reported to their respective Governments by the representatives of foreign Powers at the Russian Court. The names of the men arrested cannot be ascertained, as, for certain reasons, they are kept secret by the authorities. The denial of the arrest, published in some London papers, has caused a good deal of surprise in St. Petersburg; and it is a noteworthy circumstance that this denial appeared in England only, and was not published in French, German, or Italian journals.—A telegram received from the Curator of Kief University announces that a crowd of students, several armed with revolvers, have assembled and demanded the liberation of their comrades arrested during the recent tumults at Kief.—It is stated that the Khan of Khiva will go to Moscow, with a numerous retinue, to attend the Coronation of the Emperor, and that the Amir of Bokhara will be represented on the occasion by a special Embassy.—Success has attended the first Russian commercial venture to Meru. The caravan has returned in safety, having advantageously disposed of its goods, and accomplished its route a survey of the deserts between Akhal Tekke and Khiva.

LUM AKWAI, a carpenter, was charged before Captain Thomsett this morning with entering house No. 1 B, Aberdeen Street, with intent to commit a felony.—A Chinese Police Constable saw him go into the house at 2.45 this morning. The constable went to the door and brought his light to bear on the staircase and upon the defendant's form thereupon, who, when he spied the lukung, ran down the stairs past him. The constable blew his whistle, with the result that another Constable arrested defendant as he was doing a tam.—A Chinese broker living at 29, Gage Street, said that upon going home this morning at 1.15, and proceeding upstairs to his domicile on the second floor, he knocked his head against the trap door. He went down to call to his servant from the street to open the door, and upon re-entering the house found the defendant behind the street door; he ran away. The broker called out "Thief!" but was too much afraid to arrest the fellow himself. A Constable coming, they searched the house and found the chisel and wire produced on the staircase. About 3 o'clock, the broker, hearing a noise in the street, went down and found defendant, whom he recognized at once, in custody.—Inspector Lindsay produced prisoner's record, showing that he was sentenced to two years' hard labour on September 1877 for burglary; to four years' penal servitude in February 1878, for a like offence; and to a year's hard labour in March of last year for larceny in a dwelling house. The Inspector said the man was a known bad character, and he applied for a remand to make further enquiries about him. The case was remanded till the 25th.

SIGNOR Tavallini has published in the *Electore* of Casale an interesting account of an interview between the late Signor Lanza and Prince Napoleon, which he heard from the former's own lips. After having said that in the year 1870 all his colleagues in the Ministry were to go to Rome, Lanza added: "Who can say whether we should ever have succeeded had not the Franco-German war burst out like a bomb? No one thought it so imminent, and even Napoleon—who, whatever may be said, was a great political genius—was taken by surprise. I remember, as if it had happened yesterday, how Prince Napoleon tried to induce us to assist poor France, and how his words affected me. The Prince, after receiving a concise refusal, did not lose courage; he remained in Turin, where the King also resided. In agreement with my colleagues I left Florence for Turin, immediately asked and obtained an audience from the King, and drew his attention to the fact that the long-continued residence of Prince Napoleon in the same city as himself would arouse suspicions in Germany. 'As his insistence is quite useless,' I observed, 'and our refusal irrevocable, he ought to be persuaded that his remaining here can do him no good, and might do us great harm.' 'What will you?' replied Victor Emmanuel; 'I also have tried every argument to induce the Prince to go but he is not to be persuaded; he obstinately hopes to obtain something. Do what I advise, Lanza. To-day three o'clock the Prince will come here. I will tell him that you have arrived and desire to speak to him? and you must persuade him to leave Turin.' 'Your Majesty,' I replied, 'I am at your service.' At three precisely I returned to the Palace, and a few minutes later was shown into a saloon, in which the Prince awaited me, alone. 'So it seems,' he began, 'as soon as I entered, that Italy is determined to earn the name of ingrate.' 'No, your Highness,' I replied, 'Italy feels the misfortune that has overtaken France more than you can imagine; she has not forgotten what France has done for her; she does not deserve the name of ingrate, because he is not ungrateful who is absolutely incapable of assisting his benefactor, but he who, being capable, refuses to do so.' 'What! you cannot?' exclaimed the Prince. 'We only ask 70,000 men from a nation of 35,000,000 of inhabitants. In a few days you could have such an army on the frontier, throw it upon Lyons, and there our routed troops would gather once more around you. We do not so much need material as moral assistance; at the news that a friendly nation undertakes our defence, at the sight of your army, fresh and undisciplined by defeat, even our soldiers will take heart, enthusiasm will invigorate them, and Italy will save France. Don't you see that the sacrifice we ask of you is very little, and that with a little you can save us? Have you the heart to refuse us this also?' The Prince's voice became more and more animated and touching; I was in tears. The Prince grew hotter. 'Here,' he said, putting a sheet of white paper with the signature of Napoleon III. at the bottom into my hand, 'I have full power to accept whatever conditions you impose, and the Emperor has already signed the treaty which you may please to draw up. I know that you can do much. Decide, Lanza; say yes.' 'Highness,' I replied, 'it is useless. Even if I wished, it is impossible to help you. We are actual belligerents, and the Roman question keeps all the forces of internal order. Does your Highness not know how much time it would take to put 70,000 men on a footing of war and concentrate them on the frontiers? Ask our technical men, and they will answer, 'Not less than a month.' Before the end of that month the fate of France will be decided.' The agitation of the Prince increased at every word I spoke, and when I had finished he burst into a real storm of anger. He rapidly paced the room, muttering incoherent words on our ingratitude, his sorrow that France had our ingratitude, and other things that I regretted from my heart. I remained silent, waiting till he should become calmer, and when I thought the moment arrived, I said: 'Highness, I will retire. But first allow me to do my duty, however painful. Your Highness can no longer hope for anything from us, and on the other hand, your prolonged sojourn here might create great embarrassment.' 'Ah, you will expel me?' interrupted the Prince. 'No, Highness,' I replied, 'that is not the word. I will go.' 'It shall be here in an hour,' I said. 'However,' I added, 'remember that one day, recalling this conversation and the position in which we are placed, your Highness will admit that I was right. Remember that whatever happens, we shall consider ourselves fortunate if we can be of use to you.' An hour after Prince Napoleon received his passport, and left for France. Several months had elapsed since this scene, when one day I received a letter from Prince Napoleon. He reminded me of my last words, and gave me the title of Comte di Moncaliere."

COMMUNICATIONS to home papers from Sfax, Tunis, and Kairouan announce that large contingents of Turkish troops having deserted, the regular army have left Tripoli, crossed the frontier, and bivouacked on Tunisian territory to join Ali Ben Kalfia. They are furnished with Martini rifles. The Paris Foreign Office is much exercised with regard to the issue of General Logerot's expedition against the insurgents. It has instructed the General not to cross the Tripolitan frontier, to which he has replied by asking the Government where the frontier is. The insurgents have attacked and defeated, near Sfax, the Swassi tribe, which has made submission to the French. It is believed that Ali Ben Kalfia has declined the amnesty which has been offered him. The movement of the French columns against the rebels in Southern Tunis has commenced.

REFERRING to the American "Suspects" imprisoned in Ireland, a Reuter's telegram from Washington dated April 6th, says:—Diplomatic correspondence between England and the United States, communicated to the Senate yesterday, shows that President Arthur earnestly and repeatedly requested that all imprisoned Americans should be brought to trial. Several telegrams passed between London and Washington during the recent negotiations, the contents of which the State Department does not think it would be proper to disclose at present. Mr. Lowell wrote regarding O'Connor that he believed that that person courted arrest with the hope of adding to the difficulties of England. O'Connor expressed to Mr. Lowell his belief that war between England and the United States was desirable. The despatches also show that Mr. Lowell questioned O'Connor's expression that he meant to return to America when his health permitted. The despatch of the 4th inst. announcing that five Americans were still imprisoned was erroneous, the State Department having been advised of their release.

"RATTLE his bones over the stones, he's only a pauper that nobody owns." This quotation, observes a contemporary, must have occurred to the minds of some of the members of Lambeth Vestry the other evening, when Mr. Hubbard told a moving tale of sorrow. He informed the meeting that some few days ago an old man, eighty-one years of age, living at Brixton, met his death by falling down some steps, and his wife obtained an order for a parish coffin. On taking the order to the undertaker, his wife told her that she could have a name plate on by paying 4s. or 5s., but being very poor, she was unable to decide then. The coffin was shortly afterwards taken home, and the body having been previously measured, was found to be too large for it. The body was, however, forced into it and screwed down, in order to get the legs in. The coffin afterwards burst, and liquid matter ran down the stairs. This shocking narrative we are glad to find stirred the members to a sense of their duty, and in the end a searching inquiry into the whole case was ordered. The day has happily gone past when dead paupers can be treated like dead dogs.

OSCAR WILDE IN AMERICA.

The apostle of the beautiful will likely meet with something in his travels which he will like even less than the ocean. The great American paragraphs have got hold of him, and this is how they deal with him:—
Summary of Wilde's lecture—"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever."
The first step towards the worship of the beautiful is on the feet of a draped bean-pole.
"What on earth got into the man?" exclaimed Mrs. Vandewater, as she saw her liege lord approaching with his hair all every which way, and holding a very large cabbage in front of his smiling apparatus. "Preserve us all, Mr. Vandewater, have you lost your senses?" "No, madam, shall a mistake, ishyoutahatunatic; dyeshcheeshilly; welthah'sh'tessence of butty; ishroolyb'ful, Missississippian."
The secret of happiness, according to Wilde, is to be found in art. But there is another secret upon which this poetical young man did not touch—it is contentment and good humour. Which, let us ask, presents the truest ideal of human happiness. Mr. Ruskin or the Cheerele Brothers? A young lady, having seen and listened to the ethereally muscular Oscar Wilde last evening, inscribed in her diary the following impressions, which will doubtless be shared by many sensible ladies who were present:—"We no longer seek for the meaning of the 'unkissed kisses' of which Oscar was the only kind he is ever likely to experience in this utterly too planetary sphere."
Oscar Wilde has arrived. A healthy sylph this poet, in his bottle-green overcoat, his yellow kids, and his six-foot form in his stockings. Arise, ye daughters of America, and fall into the latest British craze. Though his complexion be as yellow as his favourite sunflower, swart, maidens of New York, that it is a blending of the peach and the fly. Make room for his feet in your drawing-rooms, read up *Patience* for the correct attitude, and fall into line, as is your wont to worship everything odd, English, and incomprehensible. Keep your lamps burning, oh! virgins of Gotham, and give Oscar a right hearty welcome. For, by the bones of Diogenes, his father was an eye-doctor in Dublin, his mother wrote ring-finger for the *Nation*, and he himself is the founder of a school wherein damp-phoolery is the only ware, and literary emetics the only medicine. But keep him not too long for the jingle of the bells on his cap have already echoed across the Continent, and Nob Hill yearns for his elongated anatomy.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belgic*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 19th April, and may be expected here on or about the 19th instant.
The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaelic*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 2nd May, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 1st June.
STEAMERS EXPECTED.
The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nestor* left Singapore on the 12th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 18th.
The steamer *Kennure Castle* left Singapore on the 15th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 22nd.
"THAMES-STREET INDUSTRIES," by Percy Russell. This illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World, or JOHN GOSNELL & Co., London.—[Adv.]

To-day's Advertisements.

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"VORTIGERN," Captain Brown, will be dispatched as above via Tahiti, on SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at EIGHT A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1882. [352]

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE, to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of May, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises, ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section B of MARINE LOT 105, with the 4 SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT SHOPS in Queen's Road West, Nos. 273, 275, 277, and 279. Yearly Crown Rent \$30.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, 33, Wellington Street.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1882. [351]

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises, by Mr. J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, By the Orders of A MORTGAGEE, the following Property in the following Lots—

1ST LOT.—REMAINING PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 6, containing 1,007 feet and having erected thereon the HOUSES known as—held for 982 years. Apporportioned Crown Rent \$15.10.
2ND LOT.—INLAND LOT No. 437, containing 2,500 square feet and having erected thereon the HOUSE known as—held for 999 years. Crown Rent \$20.1.6.
3RD LOT.—INLAND LOT No. 661, containing 1,250 square feet and having erected thereon the HOUSE known as No.—held for 999 years. Crown Rent \$5.48.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON, Supreme Court House, Solicitors for Mortgagee, or to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, 33, Wellington Street.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1882. [350]

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSES IN JERVOIS STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AND TAIPIINGSHAN STREET.

THE Undersigned Auctioneer has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of May, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises the following Lots—
1ST LOT.
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND Registered in the LAND OFFICE as Sub-section No. 1 of Section A of INLAND LOT No. 202, together with the MESSUAGES or HOUSES erected thereon known as Nos. 32 and 34, Jervois Street and No. 171 Queen's Road Central.
2ND LOT.
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND Registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section A of INLAND LOT No. 25, and also the Ground Registered as Section B of INLAND LOT No. 70, together the MESSUAGES or HOUSES erected thereon known as Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13, Lower Lascar Row and No. 1, Laidler Street.
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale Apply to SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON, Solicitors for the Mortgagee, or to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1882. [332]

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No. 39, HING LOONG STREET, HONGKONG, 1st May, 1882. [399]

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1882. [240]

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1882. [214]

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1882. [211]

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TUNG KEE & Co., 103, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [338]

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